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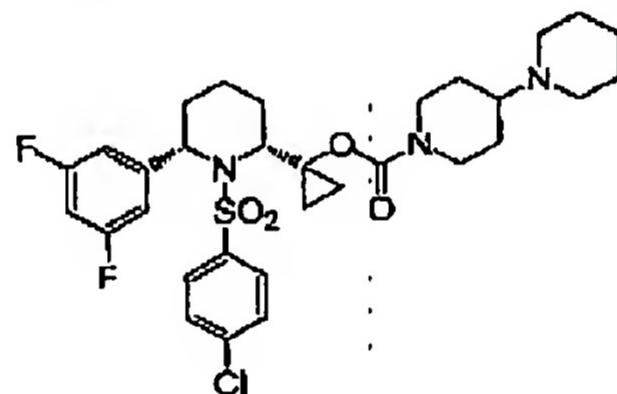
Remarks

Support for the amendments may be found at pages 157-161. Applicants note that the specification does not include Examples 73-A, 73-C, 73-E, 73-J, and 73-N, but does include Examples 173-A, 173-C, 173-E, 173-J, and 173-N. The amendments to the claims and specification therefore correct inadvertent typographical errors. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

No new matter is believed to have been added. Claims 1-31 remain active.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement for restriction in the present application, for the reasons stated below. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants, elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, and elect the compound of Example 173-M having the following structure:



Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 15-19 read on the elected specie.

Should the invention of Group I be found allowable, Applicants request that the method claims of Groups II-VI be rejoined (MPEP 821.04).

In order for restriction to be proper, the Examiner must show that examination of all of the Groups would pose a "serious burden on the examiner" (see MPEP 803). The Examiner has failed to provide adequate reasons indicating why examination of all the Groups would pose a serious burden. The allegation that the inventions are "distinct" and "have acquired a separate status in the art" is not sufficient basis to require restriction.

In this regard, MPEP 803.02 states:

"If the members of the Markush group are sufficiently few in number or so closely related that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine all the members of the Markush group in the claim on the merits, even though they are directed to independent and distinct inventions. In such a case, the examiner will not follow the procedure described below and will not require restriction." (emphasis added)

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Applicants respectfully submit that "a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden". Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the Requirement for Restriction is improper, and request that it be withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

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